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Honorable Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

COVER LETTER

Sir:

[x] The fee for submission of claims is calculated as shown below:

| For | TOTAL WITH NEW CLAIMS ADDED | TOTAL Currently On File | CLAIMS ALREADY PAID | RATE | CALCULATION |
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| Total Claims | 21 | 21 | (Over 20) | x \$50 | 0.00 |
| Independent Claims | 1 | 1 | (Over 3) | x \$200 | 0.00 |
| MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM(S) | | | | + \$360 | 0 |
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| [x] | Response to Office Action | [: | ĸ] | Petition for Extension of Time (1 month) |
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| | (with Claim Election) | [|] | Terminal Disclaimer |
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| į į | Preliminary Amendment | [|] | Assignment |
| _ | Other | [|] | Declaration of one skilled in the art |
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| | Respectfully submitted, | | | | | | |
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